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## **Hahira Getting New GDOT Traffic Signal For Easier, Safer Left Turns**

HAHIRA, Ga. – Georgia Department of Transportation traffic signal technicians plan to install a new signal Wednesday at U.S. 41/state Route 7 and SR 122 in Hahira that will make turning easier and safer.

The intersection currently has a standard three-section signal, which results in long delays for northbound motorists who want to turn left onto SR 122. To help those drivers make safer turns and keep traffic moving, technicians will install a four-section Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) signal. It will be the first FYA signal in southwest Georgia.

The Federal Highway Administration has found that FYA signals help reduce left-turn crashes by 35%, ease traffic congestion by efficiently moving traffic through an intersection and reduce vehicle idling and air pollution.

The signals are very easy to understand. Here's what the indicators mean:

- Solid **Red** arrow – no left turn allowed;
- Solid **Yellow** arrow – prepare to stop because the light is about to turn red;
- Flashing **Yellow** arrow – left turn allowed after yielding to pedestrians and oncoming vehicles; and
- Solid **Green** arrow – left turn allowed.

If the traffic signal has a malfunction the left turn will flash red. As with all signalized intersections, a flashing red means stop and flashing yellow means proceed with caution. If all indicators at an intersection are flashing red or the intersection is dark it should be treated as a four-way stop.

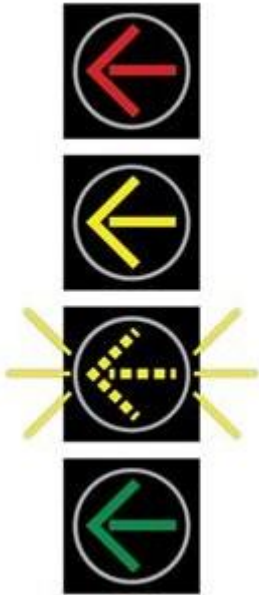
FYA signals now are Georgia DOT's preferred left turn traffic signal for eligible locations – those with high numbers of left-turn movements and resultant traffic back-ups and related accidents. In addition to the Georgia DOT locations, cities and counties throughout the state can identify eligible locations and apply to the Department for permits for the new traffic signals.

The FYA signal is being installed at the Hahira intersection because a requested traffic study determined it met the criteria, District Traffic Engineer Van Mason said.

Georgia DOT technicians will have to shut down the intersection for installation of the signal, District Signal Engineer Brent Lupo said. If the weather cooperates, they plan to start work after morning rush hour traffic and hope to be done by lunch. The signal will be operational immediately after installation.

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